

Huntington University | Fall Semester 2020 Update

For the past few months, administrators, campus COVID-19 response teams, Trustees, faculty, and staff have been working to ensure an opportunity for Foresters to return to their alma mater and for new Foresters to join the Forester Family in the fall.

Today (June 1, 2020), Huntington University is announcing our plan to begin classes on August 31, 2020, as stated in our academic calendar. Students studying in residential programs will resume face-to-face in-person instruction, which may include some elements of virtual instruction such as Zoom and Moodle*. Students enrolling in online programs will continue to engage in a fully virtual classroom environment using University-approved technologies.

For students at the Huntington, Indiana, campus who intend to live on campus, residence halls will be opened in a staged approach. Student-athletes**, designated student leaders, and international students will report on a planned schedule on August 13 and 14. Other residential students will sign up for a return time slot for August 27 and 28 (for new students) or August 29 and 30 (for returning students). Students enrolled at Huntington University Arizona can begin to access campus facilities on August 27. Students enrolled in summer courses for Huntington University Fort Wayne (OTD) may access program facilities beginning August 1. New students in the OTD program may have access to program facilities by August 26 or seek prior access through the Director of the OTD Program, Dr. Ruth Ford.

Mandatory COVID-19 testing will be required for any student, faculty, or staff member at any location who has traveled internationally within 14 days of their return to in-person courses or activities.

For students enrolled in face-to-face courses during the fall 2020 semester, regardless of location or program, the two days designated for fall break will be eliminated. Following the Thanksgiving holidays, all classes, regardless of location or program, will resume online for the remaining two weeks of instruction and for final examinations. Students living in campus housing at the Huntington, Indiana, location will be asked to vacate their residence halls by end of day November 30. Students with University-sponsored requirements or those with special circumstances may request permission from the Dean of Students to remain in the residence halls beyond that date.

J-term courses will continue as planned for students enrolled in programs at Huntington University Arizona and Huntington University Fort Wayne (OTD). Students enrolled in residential undergraduate programs in Huntington, Indiana, will complete their J-term course in a virtual format. Residence halls at the Huntington, Indiana, location will reopen January 25. Students with special circumstances may request permission from the Dean of Students to access residence halls early.

For spring semester 2021, students in residential programs at all locations will resume face-to-face, in-person instruction, which may include some elements of virtual instruction such as Zoom and Moodle*. Students in online programs will continue to engage in a fully virtual classroom environment using University-approved technologies. All spring 2021 courses for all programs and all locations will begin on January 25.

As the summer progresses, more information will be shared concerning student procedures for returning to campus and the University's preparation for implementing best practices in maintaining a healthy physical learning and living environment.

**The University reserves the right to move any or all courses at any point in the semester to a virtual format if requested by local, regional, or state health and governmental entities.*

***More information specific to athletes will be provided on or before June 15.*